

NEWS RELEASE

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UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with an information session conducted by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and the formal agenda will follow at 10:00 a.m.

Among the items to be presented beginning at 9:00 a.m. are a status report on the Informal Rulemaking Process in regards to a request to amend Coal Rules by the Utah Mining Association; a briefing on a meeting of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission; and an introduction to a new electronic permitting system being introduced by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. The board will also be asked to approve their meeting schedule for year 2008.

AGENDA

*(The order in which matters will be heard will be set on the day of the hearing.)*

1. Docket No. 2007-019, Cause No. 139-80 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Elizabeth B. Koch, Petitioner, to Compel Operator Quinex Energy Corporation, Respondent, to Pay Royalties Due on Production from four wells located in Sections 13, 14 and 23, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, and Section 7, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Duchesne County, Utah.

*The Board will address setting this matter for investigation and negotiation by the Division pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §40-6-9.*

2. Docket No. 2007-020, Cause No. 243-11 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of ConocoPhillips Company for an Order Establishing 160 Acre Drilling and Spacing Units for the Production of Gas (including Coalbed Methane) from the Ferron Formation in Portions of Sections 1 and 12, Township 14 South, Range 9 East, SLM and Sections 27, 28 and 34, Township 14 South, Range 10 East, SLM, Carbon County, Utah.

*Petitioner is asking the Board to establish drilling and spacing units.*

3. Docket No. 2007-015, Cause No. C/007/0013-LCE07 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Petitioner; Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Respondent; and UtahAmerican Energy, Inc., Respondent-Intervenor; Request for Board Review of the Division's May 18, 2007 Issuance of a Permit for Mining Operations on the Lila Canyon Extension, Horse Canyon Mine, Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah.

*This is expected to be an evidentiary hearing.*

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